

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-134

February 29, 2000

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Proposed Revisions to Optional Targeted
Service Rate: Diesel Generation Deferral
Energy Service (DDR)

ORDER TEMPORARILY
APPROVING
RATE SCHEDULES

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On February 16, 2000, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) filed with this Commission revisions to its Optional Targeted Service Rate: Diesel Generation Deferral Energy Service (DDR). These revisions: clarify that the utility will now provide electric delivery service only, rather than bundled service; expand the Availability Section to include market segments previously served under Rate AGDR (clay brick and tile production and leather tanning and finishing); replace the fuel price indexing mechanism with an annual review by the Company of the diesel generation and market costs; identify the transmission and distribution rate that DDR customers will pay after March 1, 2000 and provide that the DDR program will automatically terminate on the February 28, 2003.

Because of the limited time frame in which we have to process this case, at this time we cannot make a finding as to the reasonableness of the program or its rates. Therefore, we will allow the rate schedules and the standard form contract to go into effect on March 1, 2000 as requested by the Company, but we will keep this docket open to allow for a more in depth review of their reasonableness. At the conclusion of that review, we will issue a finding regarding their appropriateness on a going-forward basis. To the extent that the program or its rates are modified as a result of our review, the customer may terminate their DDR agreement.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Standard Form Contract for Diesel Deferral Service filed by CMP on February 16, 2000 in this proceeding is hereby approved and contracts in conformance with that standard contract do not need individual approval;
2. That the following Rate Schedule pages filed by CMP shall become effective for service as of March 1, 2000:

Page	Revision	
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Numbers	Number	Date Filed
135.00	5 th	February 16, 2000
135.10	8 th	February 16, 2000
135.20	4 th	February 16, 2000

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 29th day of February, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Diamond

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